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Wanted to get a few updates out to "key contacts" with regards to the HIPAA Encounter Testing over the next couple weeks. If you have any questions please let us know. Thanks!

1. As discussed in the 12/7 Consortium meeting we are planning a 'null-load' refresh (this means we start with a completely empty Encounter test base and allows you to perform a fresh set of tests) of the Encounter test bases. Due to some other testing that is occurring we can't get this scheduled prior to next Wednesday, December 22nd. To help facilitate this we would like to request that you hold your test Encounter submissions (both 837 and NCPDP) after today until next Thursday am. This will ensure that no files are unaccounted for and that we have a clean cutover point. We appreciate your help with this!
2. Due to the holidays over the next two weekends, we will not be running our regularly scheduled Encounter test cycles on Saturdays. This means we will have one encounter test cycle per week on Tuesdays for these two weeks (12/21 and 12/28).

As always thanks for your cooperation!